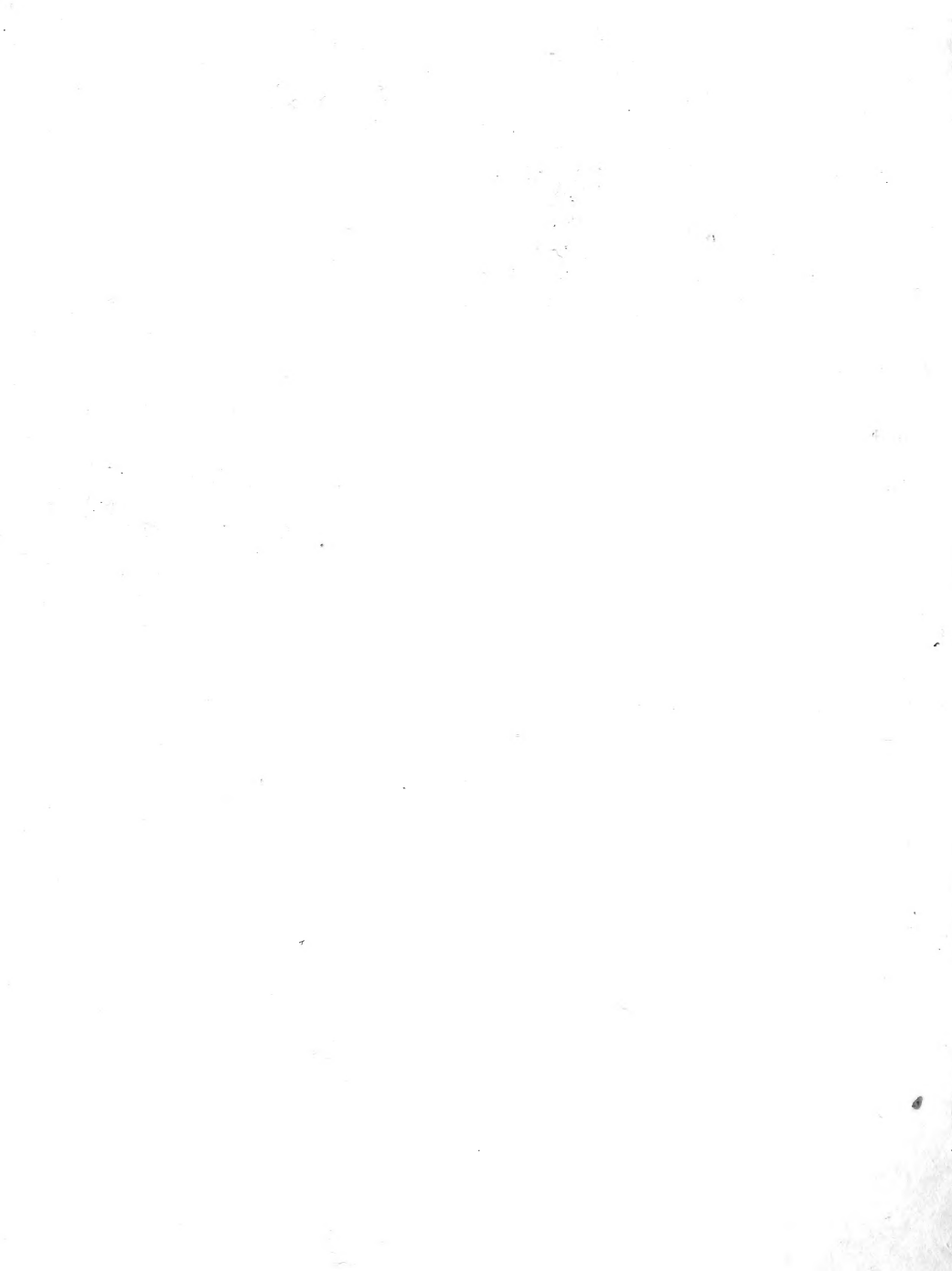


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How to Grow Melons.

B. W. STONE, & CO., = Thomasville, Ga.

How to grow fine melons is no secret, but on the other hand, is the result of work skillfully applied.

To make a success of melon growing there are just six cardinal points.

- 1st. The selection of soil.
- 2nd. Deep and thorough breaking early in the winter.
- 3rd. The heavy application of a good fertilizer.
- 4th. Prompt, thorough work and enough of it
- 5th. Loading proper shaped melons of proper ripeness.
- 6th. Shipping to the right man.

1st. Select a sandy loam soil, preferably that has not had melons on it in five or six years. Land that had a crop of weeds on it the previous year is best. The grass will not be so troublesome and the vines can tie to the particles of weeds.

2nd. Deep and thorough breaking is essential, because it assures moisture when settling and developing fruit.

3rd. Check the land across intended rows 10 ft. wide. Throw out rows 10 ft. wide with one horse turn plow with 4 furrows. Apply in this furrow continuously 4, 5 or 600 lbs. of standard guano (8-2-2.) Stir at once with scooter or subsoil plow. Bed on fertilizer with 4 furrows. Let the first two furrows be done with small wing or shallow to prevent the ridge from being too high. Plant the seed (five or six) over the fertilizer in the check 11-2 inches deep.

4th. Scratch the hills lightly with a rake and thin to 3 plants. First plowing is to make the bed wider by two furrows with turn plow. When plants have 4 leaves run around them, two furrows, with small, flat sweep. Then hoe and thin to two plants to a hill. Just as they start to run thin to 1 plant to the hill. The after cultivation consists in running the sweep just ahead of the vines and keep the mid-

dles thrown out just ahead of the sweep. The cutaway harrow can sometimes be advantageously used ahead of the sweep. Three or four times to a middle will leave it in fine fix.

5th. When you have 10 to 1200 large melons just red inside, good shaped and not sunburnt, load them in a well ventilated car on plenty of straw; also strawed at end of car. Place melons in rows, well matching them, four layers deep. Strive to have them as level on top as a body of water. Do not load the culls, for they positively will not bring freight.

6th. Shipping to the right man. One may keep well awake on the other five points and then lose it all by sleeping on this one. There is no excuse for not shipping to good men. Commence in time and learn of good old reliable melon commission men in several large cities. Just leave the new firms with enticing quotations and promises to your neighbor, but you ship to the long established, reliable MELON commission men.

This is the practice of the melon growers in the largest melon section [South Georgia] in the U. S.

WE GROW MELONS STRICTLY FOR SEED. Most people sell their prime melons and save seed from the culls. We save seed from the PRIME MELONS and throw away the culls. It takes ten to fifteen large melons to produce a pound of seed, so any one can readily see that all cheap seed offered are from culls. POOR SEED ARE HIGH AT ANY PRICE, and choice seed are cheap, no matter how high the price.

TERMS.

CASH WITH ORDER: "Owe no man anything, that we remain friends."

VARIETIES.

Kolb gem. Best by test. Toughest, will reach destination in the freshest condition of any.

Our seed belong to the original old lot. Have never been mixed with any other variety at all. Hence by over 30 years selection they are just simply unequalled. oz 10c, lb 40c, 8c extra if by mail.

GEORGIA'S BEST. (Thomas.)

Oblong in shape, gracefully tapered at each end: color, green, with stripes, but not near so distinct as the rattlesnake; meat sweet, crisp but melting. 'Tis strictly a melon for home use and local market. Growers here for their home use have quit planting all other melons and plant the Georgia's Best, for it is the best. IT HAS NO EQUAL.

Seed white and small. It takes seed out of sixteen large melons to weigh one pound. Early, prolific, uniform in size, averaging twenty six pounds. The seed are pure and so guaranteed. Should you have one mixed melon from Georgia's best seed we will return your money.

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DEAR SIR:—I am well satisfied with the Georgia's Best melon seed I got from you last spring. From twenty cents worth of seed, I sold \$24.80 worth of melons. I want more seed from you.

Yours truly,

J. B. MARANGE, Abita Springs, La.

NACOGDOCHES, TEX.

DEAR SIR:—The watermelon seed you sent me were as you recommended and gave the best of satisfaction. I can say Georgia's Best will please any of your customers.

G. W. FALKNER,

Aberdeen N. C. Feb. 10 1903.

The Georgia's Best water melon seed bought of you last year gave far better results than we expected of them. You CAN'T RECOMMEND THEM too highly. Please send new price list. Yours

Keith & Co.

DON'T'S.

Don't let a bunch of grass or a weed crowd a plant out of the hill.

Don't let melons follow melons.

Don't touch them with hoe or plow when wet with dew or rain—better go fishing.

Don't plant too early and get the ground packed under hill and have sickly plants.

Don't turn the vines after they commence to bloom.

Don't cultivate too smoothly. If you do the vines will roll up when hard winds come.

Don't economise too much in buying seed. 10c cut per lb. then, means a \$10 cut when ready to load.

If you buy cheap seed and raise a crop of culls DON'T blame us.

Don't fail to buy seed of us if you want GUARANTEED, regular striped, sound seed.

Success to you,

Respectfully,

B. W. Stone & Co., Thomasville, Ga.

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